

REMARKS

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

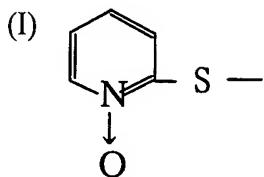
Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Non-elected claims 4, 10, 11 and 20 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner.

Claims 1-11, 16, 17, 19 and 20 are amended to place them in more conventional form under U.S. practice. Claim 17 is also amended to correct the spelling of "rot proofing."

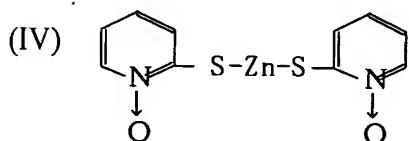
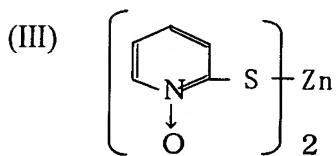
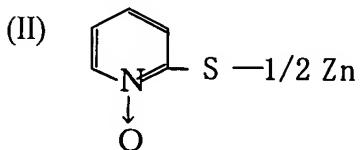
The Examiner rejects claims 1-3, 5-9 and 12-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully traverses rejection.

The chemical structures of the compounds and groups recited in the claims are shown below.

"Py"(2-pyridylthio-N-oxide), which is recited in claim 1, is not a compound, but a chemical group represented by the following chemical structure:

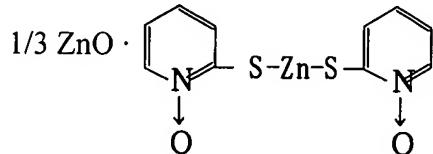


"Zinc pyrithione" can be expressed by the following chemical structures (II), (III) or (IV), and each of the three structures represents the same compound:



Accordingly, it is clear that the compound of claim 3 is "A pyrithione complex compound" expressed by $1/3 \text{ZnO} \cdot (\text{Py})_2\text{Zn}$, and it can be represented by the following chemical structure:

(V)



Furthermore, "copper pyrithione" is the compound where zinc is replaced with copper in the above formulas (II) to (IV).

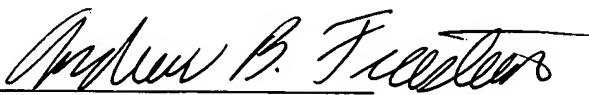
Accordingly, one of ordinary skill in the art would readily understand the recited structures of the pyrithione complexes of claims 1-3, 5-9 and 12-19, and thus the claims are not indefinite. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-3, 5-9 and 12-19 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner find that anything further would be desirable in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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